

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (D-NY-28) announced that the Monroe County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a \$483,961 grant as part of a U.S. Justice Department program aimed at protecting children from sexual predators.

"Child sexual abuse is a heinous crime, and I am so pleased Monroe County has received the funding they need to locate, arrest and prosecute these sexual predators," said Slaughter.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Department is one of 26 law enforcement agencies nationwide to receive a grant from the Child Sexual Predator Program, an initiative of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) in the U.S. Department of Justice.

Launched in 2008, the Child Sexual Predator Program provides grants to help locate, arrest, and prosecute child sexual predators and exploiters, and enforce state sex offender registration laws. It is also designed to collectively address this widespread problem through strong partnerships between law enforcement, U.S. Attorney's Offices and U.S. Marshals, as well as other community partners such as parole and probation offices, social services agencies, and state or local prosecutors.